



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 30, 2007

S. 1148

Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 25, 2007*

S. 1148 would establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission. The first commission—consisting of 10 members—would plan, develop, and execute programs and activities related to the 400th anniversary of the voyage of Samuel De Champlain. The second commission—consisting of 15 members—would plan, develop, and execute programs and activities related to the 400th anniversary of the voyage of Henry Hudson and the 200th anniversary of the voyage of Robert Fulton.

Each commission would have three years to report on its activities, findings, and recommendations. Members would serve without pay, but would be reimbursed for travel expenses. The legislation would allow the commissions to make grants to communities, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to commemorate and research the voyages. In addition, the commissions could hire staff, use personnel from other federal agencies or state governments, and rely on volunteers. Each commission would submit its final report in September 2010 and terminate in December 2010. To fund the costs of the commissions, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million (\$500,000 per commission) annually over the 2008-2011 period.

Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1148 would cost about \$4 million over the 2008-2011 period. Because S. 1148 would authorize the commissions to accept and use gifts, the legislation could affect revenues and direct spending. CBO estimates that any revenues from contributions and subsequent direct spending would be less than \$500,000 annually.

S. 1148 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would benefit the states of New York, New Jersey, and Vermont.

On July 26, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1520, the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on July 19, 2007. The two bills are similar and the estimated costs are identical.

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